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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "A" ACCOMPANYING
SECTION 371 NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION AS FILED

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified accompanying
Section 371 national stage application as filed as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3-9 and 12-18 as filed as follows:

--3. (Amended) The remotely accessible combination weighing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the communication device is selected from the group consisting of a modem, a terminal adapter, and a router.--

4. (Amended) The remotely accessible combination weighing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:
means for storing the setting information of the operating condition and the log information of the operating state.--

--5. (Amended) The remotely accessible combination weighing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the log information of the operating state is selected from the group consisting of a control set value, an input key history, inter-process communication information, operation error information, and image information.--

--6. (Amended) The remotely accessible combination weighing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the setting information of the operating condition includes a control set value.--

--7. (Amended) The remotely accessible combination weighing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the electronic information has a format of an electronic mail.--

--8. (Amended) The remotely accessible combination weighing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising electronic information analyzing means for analyzing the electronic information incorporating the setting information of the operating condition in a predetermined format to extract the setting information of the operating condition.--

--9. (Amended) The remotely accessible combination weighing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising electronic information creating means for incorporating the log information of the operating state into the electronic information in a predetermined format.--

--12. (Amended) The combination weighing system according to Claim 10, wherein the communication device of the combination weighing apparatus is selected from the group consisting of a modem, a terminal adapter, and a router.--

--13. (Amended) The combination weighing system according to Claim 10, further comprising means for storing the setting information of the operating condition and the log information of the operating state.--

--14. (Amended) The combination weighing system according to Claim 10, wherein the log information of the operating state is selected from the group consisting of a control set value, an input key history, inter-process communication information, operation error information, and image information.--

--15. (Amended) The combination weighing system according to Claim 10, wherein the setting information of the operating condition includes a control set value.--

--16. (Amended) The combination weighing system according to Claim 10, wherein the electronic information has a format of an electronic mail.--

--17. (Amended) The combination weighing system according to Claim 10, wherein the server computer further comprises electronic information creating means for incorporating the setting information of the operating condition into the electronic information in a predetermined format, and

the combination weighing apparatus further comprises electronic information analyzing means for analyzing the electronic information incorporating the setting information of the operating condition in the predetermined format to extract the setting information of the operating condition.--

--18. (Amended) The combination weighing system according to Claim 10, wherein the combination weighing apparatus further comprises electronic information creating means for incorporating the log information of the operating state into the electronic information in a predetermined format, and

the server computer further comprises electronic information analyzing means for analyzing the electronic information incorporating the log information of the operating state in the predetermined format to extract the log information of the operating state.--

REMARKS

The present preliminary amendment removes multiple dependency from the claims.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

A timely Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3-9 and 12-18 as filed as follows:

--3. (Amended) The remotely accessible combination weighing apparatus according to Claim 1 [or 2], wherein the communication device is selected from the group consisting of a modem, a terminal adapter, and a router.--

4. (Amended) The remotely accessible combination weighing apparatus according to [any of Claims 1 to 3] Claim 1, further comprising:

means for storing the setting information of the operating condition and the log information of the operating state.--

--5. (Amended) The remotely accessible combination weighing apparatus according to [any of Claims 1 to 4] Claim 1, wherein the log information of the operating state is selected from the group consisting of a control set value, an input key history, inter-process communication information, operation error information, and image information.--

--6. (Amended) The remotely accessible combination weighing apparatus according to [any of Claims 1 to 5] Claim 1, wherein the setting information of the operating condition includes a control set value.--

--7. (Amended) The remotely accessible combination weighing apparatus according to [Claims 1 to 6] Claim 1, wherein the electronic information has a format of an electronic mail.--

--8. (Amended) The remotely accessible combination weighing apparatus according to [any of Claims 1 to 7] Claim 1, further comprising electronic information analyzing means for analyzing the electronic information incorporating the setting information of the operating condition in a predetermined format to extract the setting information of the operating condition.--

--9. (Amended) The remotely accessible combination weighing apparatus according to [any of Claims 1 to 8] Claim 1, further comprising electronic information creating means for incorporating the log information of the operating state into the electronic information in a predetermined format.--

--12. (Amended) The combination weighing system according to Claim 10 [or 11], wherein the communication device of the combination weighing apparatus is selected from the group consisting of a modem, a terminal adapter, and a router.--

--13. (Amended) The combination weighing system according to [any of Claims 10 to 12] Claim 10, further comprising means for storing the setting information of the operating condition and the log information of the operating state.--

--14. (Amended) The combination weighing system according to [any of Claims 10 to 13] Claim 10, wherein the log information of the operating state is selected from the group consisting of a control set value, an input key history, inter-process communication information, operation error information, and image information.--

--15. (Amended) The combination weighing system according to [any of Claims 10 to 14] Claim 10, wherein the setting information of the operating condition includes a control set value.--

--16. (Amended) The combination weighing system according to [any of Claims 10 to 15] Claim 10, wherein the electronic information has a format of an electronic mail.--

--17. (Amended) The combination weighing system according to [any of Claims 11 to 16] Claim 10, wherein the server computer further comprises electronic information creating means for incorporating the setting information of the operating condition into the electronic information in a predetermined format, and

the combination weighing apparatus further comprises electronic information analyzing means for analyzing the electronic information incorporating the setting information of the operating condition in the predetermined format to extract the setting information of the operating condition.--

--18 (Amended) The combination weighing system according to [any of Claims 10 to 17] Claim 10, wherein the combination weighing apparatus further comprises electronic information creating means for incorporating the log information of the operating state into the electronic information in a predetermined format, and

the server computer further comprises electronic information analyzing means for analyzing the electronic information incorporating the log information of the operating state in the predetermined format to extract the log information of the operating state.--